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First fatality

Traffic accidents mar week

One man died and a young woman was critically injured in separate traffic accidents, in Appomattox during the past week, according to State Police.

Curtis William Scruggs, 69, of Route 1, Pamplin, died last Thursday (Jan.21) after the car in which he was a passenger collided with a vehicle driven by Samuel J. Kress, Jr.

Police say the two vehicles approached each other at about 4:22 p.m. Jan. 21 and hit head-on after crossing an icy spot on a curve on Route 635, four miles west of Hixburg.

Gregory A. Scruggs, who was driving the vehicle in which the elder Scruggs was a passenger, received minor injuries in the accident and was treated and released at the Lynchburg general Hospital.

Police say Curtis Scruggs apparently struck his head on the windshield of the car in which he was a passenger afte the two vehicles collided.

The accident was still under investigation as of press time Tuesday, and charges were pending further investigation, according to Trooper Jeff Brown, investigatin officer.

In an unrelated accident, a county woman was critically injured Saturday night when the car she-was driving left the road and struck a utility pole.

Police say Rhonda K. Eagle, 18, was driving along Route 691 around 11 p.m. Saturday night when the car left the road on a curve and struck a telephone -pole.

She was taken to Lynchburg General Hospital and admitted, where, as of Monday, she was reported in critical condition with head injuries and internal injuries.

A passenger in the car, Jane Marie Eagle, 16, was also submitted to the Lynchburg General Hospital, where she was reported in stable condition.

WHILE IT WAS short-lived, last Wednesday's snowfall created its problems for motorists while it lasted. this tractor-trailer slipped off Route 460 near Evergreen and went into the trees as a result of slippery road conditions. The driver of the truck was not hurt. Numerous other accidents occured as a result of the snow, mostly fender benders. However, one resulted in the death of a 69-year-old county man, Appomattox County's first traffic fatility of 1981. (Photo by Bill Sherrod.)

Local school has come long way

By FRANCES H. PAULETTE

Make way for them, here they come! They are the future, the youth of Appomattox County, the youth of America. There is so much to learn, so much to do as they get ready for the day when they take their places as responsible leaders. Just how is Appomattox handling the business of education? Just what kind of schools are provided for our youth?

Education is a continuing process, a reaching out in so many directions as youth search for truth.

The very first day of kindergarten, when the student, often with great reluctance, leaves the security of home and mother and enters the strange new world of classroom, things begin to happen.....events that offer a wide variety of learning experiences.

The first step for formal edgacation in Appomattox County is the Appomattox Primary School located on Ferguson Street.

The APS had its beginning in 1953 when it opened its doors for the '55-'56 school session as Appomattox Elementary School, housing grades one through seven with approximately 400 students.

The facility was built at a cost of $389,000 or $8.63 per square foot.

The late Superintendent of Schools, J. A. Burke, initiated the construction of the new school since grades one through twelve had been housed in the old high school building for many years.

The late Flora Belle Williams became principal of the AES when it opened.

"Lots of love and work were put into this school by Miss Williams," said Mrs. Patricia Torrence who was appointed principal in 1973 by Lloyd G. Walton, who became superintendent of Appomattox County Schools that same year.

"Built-in tradition that can't be expressed in words; consideration for the total child was what Miss Williams believed," continued Torrence. "We have tried to hold onto that principle and make Appomattox Primary School a child-centered institution of learning.....very thrustful and creative; seeking more than one way to express ourselves."

The facility, which today houses kindergarten through second grade, became Appomattox Primary School in 1974 when reorganization resulted in additional secondary facilities being constructed.

Creativity is a must to learning basics and Principal Torrence praised the APS teachers for their creativeness and enthusiasm as they guided students through the various avenues of learning.

"The secret to being a good teacher is being able to diagnose the level of learning on which a child belongs and then guiding that child on that level. A child develops in so many different ways; it's kind of like building blocks, they don't just go up they go out too," Torrence continued.

In APS its important to the teachers and other members of school personnel that the child feel good about himself. Children need to feel they belong and the school continually strives for a family atmosphere.

APS strives to offer each student an opportunity for maximum, constructive growth through a systematic, sequential program which is based on ability, level of achievement, interests and experiences of individuals.

The school is keenly aware of the diversity of backgrounds among the students, and equally aware of their unique individual growth and learning patterns. Instruction must foster in individuals a healthy self-image. APS continually strives to enable students to develop independence and to experience success. Instruction must be on a level which is commensurate with ability, maturity, and achievement of each student.

APS has an obligation to teach an appreciation of the American heritage by promoting those principles of integrity, respect, and freedom which will allow students to function in a democratic society.

Appropriate levels of instruction are available at each grade level. The concept of continuing progress is designed to maintain a student's sense of personal worth and dignity.

APS seeks open channels of communication and involvement of parents, students and teachers in the development, implementation and evaluation of various programs.

Many individuals have contributed to the development and growth of APS and have helped to make it what it is today. Following the retirement of Miss Williams in 1963, Randall Hill became principal and served until 1965.

By the 1969-70 school session, Eugene Peyton and Roland Canada had each served two-year terms as principal. Jean Hesson became principal in 1970. During the fall of 1972 W. T. Johnson was principal and in 1973 Patricia Torrence became principal of Appomattox Primary School.

"We are continually building on something that is good....something that had its beginning with Flora Belle Williams," said Torrence as she spoke of her work as school principal.

"In a sense you are able to start the world over each September," continued Torrence, "and have an opportunity to influence its direction."

"Two of the most beautiful words a principal or teacher can hear are 'It worked!" whether from a parent or another member of the school personnel.

Nothing brings more satisfaction than the words "you were right, it's just what my child needs," spoken by a happy parent.

"An amusing incident....?" laughed Torrence as she spoke of the humor in her position. "That's easy! Watch your husband's face as one of the students, tugging at his mother's hand and at the same time pointing to your husband says, 'Look Mother, there is the father of our principal.'"

On U. S. Hostages

Legion speaks out

The former Iranian hostages demonstrated true courage, valor, and patriotism instilled in our American people from birth.

The American Legion Post 104 requests each and every citizen of our County to demonstate the same courage, valor, and patriotism as displayed by the former hostages in order ot unite our County as this ordeal has united our Nation.

The time has come again that all of us should say,'we are proud to be Americans. Let us all show the proper respect for Old Glory, show respect for one another, and say we are proud to be citizens of the United States of America.'

Ivey Holland, Commander Post 104

Michael Weiss, Adjutant Post 104

County licenses now due

Ida H. Campbell, Appomattox County Treasurer, reminds taxpayers that 1981 Business License and Dog Tags are due by Saturday, January 31.

The treasurer's office will be open on Saturday, January 31 from 9 a.m. until 12 noon for the convenience of taxpayers.

Town business licenses are due

Business license for the Town of Appomattox must be purchased by Friday, January 30.

The town office will be open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

To Appomattox County

Continued drought is serious threat

BY BILL SHERROD

While not as bad as in the northeast, the water situation here and throughout Central Virginia continues to worsen and could become critical in coming months unless substantial precipitation ocurs.

The drought of 1980 has extended into 1981, and threatens to wreak havoc on crops and water supplies if it stretches into the spring.

Appomatox County is currently in its ninth straight month of sub-normal rainfall, according to Jim Smith, VPI county extension agent.

Oln the past nine months, 16.21 inches of rain have fallen on Appomattox County. The normal average rainfall for that period is 30.69 inches, according to Smith. And, in all of 1980, only 29.6 inches of rain fell, compared with the normal average rainfall of 40.43 inches for the year.

Fred Jones, who drills wells in and around Appomattox County, says the water table is parts of the county has dropped as much as eight to ten feet in places, according to Smith.

Agricultural interests in Appomattox stand to suffer considerably in the water situation does not change soon, according to Smith. Everything from pastureland and cattle water supplies to tobacco and grain crops will be aaected, if not already affected, by the continuing drought.

Another dimension to the water shortage is the effect it is having on human water supplies, both personal and municipal wells.

Appomattox Town Manager Bill Britton says all four of the town's existing water wells' water levels are dropping and have fallen approximately four feet in recent weeks.

Britton says this confirms a notice published in the **Times-Virginian** in September, explaining that the effects of a long-term drought would not be evident for three or four months.

"And the bad thing is that this is an ongoing process; even if we get rain now, the well levels will continue to drop' until the water tables have been recharged, according to Britton.

He notes that a survey a conducted by the state Water Control Board indicates that the water tables in Appomattox County has dropped continuously, approximately 17 feet thus far since 1974. "That's way the town council has been continuously looking for water for the past five years," according to Britton.

Personal wells throughout the county are also endangered. Clarence Stine of the county Health Department says low water levels can produce unsatisfactory bacteria counts in personal wells. "We haven't had any of that yet, but one man whose well water level has fallen to about four feet has complained of an unpleasant odor and taste in his water," Stine says.

"It's imperative that people realize the situation and conserve their wter," Stine concludes. "Even after we get some rain, it will be some time before it has any effect on the water table and wells."

Lloyd Walton reappointed

It was announced this week by School Board Chairman, Dr. A. A. Fratrick, that Lloyd G. Walton has been reappointed to serve as superintendent of Appomatox County Schools for a four-year term, beginning July 1, 1981.

Walton, a nativé of Appomattox County, has served as superintendent since July 1, 1973.

Walton stated that it has been a challenging and rewarding experience to serve as division superintendent during the past eight years.

"We have observed tremendous progress in this school system," he said. "The School Board, Board of Supervisors, students, parents and school board employees are due the credit for the progress that has been realized and, for the quality of the educational program in which our students have had an opportunity to participate," he said.

"We have received excellent cooperation, support and assistance from the many persons with whom we have been associated, and we look forward to continued progress in the educational program of this county as we work together in the interest of our youths," Walton concluded.

Registration for adult classes set

Registration for second semester adult education classes will start this week. Adults who are interested and who want to participate in classes that are being offered the second semester by the Appomatox County School Division are requested to register now by calling 352-8253 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. or by mailing in a registration form. Please look at the class schedule located elsewhere in this issue of the **Times-Virginian** for information concerning classes offered.

"It is very important that persons pre-register for classes", states R.B. Carter, Coordinator of Adult Education. "Pre-registration is used to determine whether enrollment in an activity is sufficient to offer a particular class. An enrollment of ten persons is required for a class to be offered.

Persons who desire information concerning an adult class are requested to contact the School Board Office by calling 352-8253.

Father Darkleaf

By CALVIN ROBINSON

At the top of Page One, on the line that carries the date, you will see the words "Volume 90, Number 4." That means that this newspaper is a Senior Citizen and may be the oldest continuous business in Appomattox County, being founded in 1892.

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For weeks, ah yes, for months, the news has been dominated by three events. In human interest by the holding of American hostages in Iran. In public affairs by the Presidential Election and Inauguration. In sports by the Super Bowl football game. Now all three are behind us. The Hostages are home. President Reagan is in office. The Oakland Raiders are pro football champs. So-o-o, what now? Maybe we will hear a lot more about Inflation as No. One in the news, but it could be that February Weather will take top rating. February weather can get rough. Mostly we have had mild weather thus far into the Winter. One friend was telling me that he had planted onion sets already. Lots of garden spaces are plowed. But our shortest month sometimes can seem like the longest.

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Appomattox was very much in on the display of Yellow Ribbons in connection with the Hostage Story. One of the largest ribbons was tied around an oak tree in front of the Elementary School along Confederate Boulevard. Several business places and homes displayed the ribbon. I am positive that I have a Stereo recording of Tony Orlando's "Tie A Yellow Ribbon" but could not find it. What has this song to do with The Hostages? Just listen tō the words, then add a very catchy tune.

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February will bring us a long list of birthdays and historical anniversaries. And Valentine's Day. Saint Valentine is said to have been beheaded February 14, 306 A.D. at Rome. Ever known anyone named Valentine? I did. Edward Valentine Lightfoot was my school teacher for two years and I have his picture on the wall in My Den. He died in the armed service in 1917. Today Valentine's Day is observed mostly by sending "sweets to the sweet." Or greeting cards.

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Fans of bandleader Mitch Miller will note that he will be in concert at The Mosque, Richmond Feb. 7. There will be an antique show in Hampton this weekend. And there will be a Revolutionary War battle reenactment in Alexandria Feb. 15. As for me, I am ready for baseball practice to start. Dare I be a New York Yankee fan again? I was for the Philadelphia Eagles, mainly because Philadelphia teams were having a great year in sports, But the Oakland Raiders clipped Eagle wings in the Super Bowl.

Some good basketball games coming up for ACHS. And the U. of Va. Cavaliers just keep rolling along.

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We could not do without our fine volunteer firemen and Resque Squad members. Help them help you. They have been very busy lately answering calls. Thanks for reading and seeya around.

Workers celebrate

WORKERS AT THE AMEILA Garment Factory in Pamplin celebrated the release of the 52 American hostages last week by donning yellow ribbons as they worked. Worker Margaret Garrison started the action. Jim Webb, (far left), manager of the factory and Mayor of Pamplin, traveled to Lynchburg with Appomattox Mayor Ronnie Spiggle to join other town and county officials in Central Virginia in honoring the hostages by signing a proclamation commending the hostages for their patriotism during their 444-day ordeal.